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UNPRECEDENTED FLOODS CAUSE GREAT DAMAGE

Estimated Property of \$15,000,000 and Loss of Life at 15 Persons Dead. Others Still Missing. Railroad Train Tied Up. Flood Moving towards Lower Sections of States

Fifteen persons dead, at least 11 missing and property damage estimated at around \$15,000,000, is the known toll of the floods which raged in five southern states.

Although the waters are receding in nearly all districts, railroad and telegraphic communication are still demoralized and reports from towns and villages now isolated may increase both the number of deaths and the property loss.

North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and West Virginia all suffered heavy damage from the overflowing streams, swollen by torrential rains, which followed last week's hurricane as it swept inland from the coast, but the heaviest loss was in North Carolina, where 11 of the 15 deaths are reported and where two-thirds of the material damage was done.

The property damage is summarized from the latest reports as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA.

Asheville—Twenty-five industrial plants destroyed, including cotton and lumber mills, machine shops and coal and feed yards; 60 residences in the lower part of the city washed away and 400 persons homeless, with 1,200 out of employment. Power and gas plants out of commission.

Charlotte—One million cotton spindles idle as a result of flooded power plants. Street cars at a standstill and city in darkness.

Monro—Monro cotton mills demolished.

East Monro—Cotton mills damaged and \$50,000 worth of cotton destroyed.

Alexander County—Alspaugh cotton mills washed away. Lileton cotton mills damaged.

Buncombe, Henderson and Madison Counties—Many mills damaged and hundreds of persons out of employment.

Statesville—Brick plant destroyed and Long Island cotton mill nearly damaged.

Catawba County—Cotton warehouses with 1,500 bales of cotton carried away. In this county, as well as in Iredell and Alexander, great damage was done to crops and small mills.

Biltmore—Many persons driven from their homes and mills and crops in surrounding territory damaged.

Marshall—Fifty-three homes destroyed and 263 persons marooned on a train.

Jonesville—Many homes flooded.

Hendersonville—Two dams washed out; damage to mills and to crops in Henderson county.

Lexington—Several lumber mills in surrounding country carried away; stock killed and crops destroyed.

Cleveland County—Drovo Power dam near Shelby destroyed; crops in county damaged.

The flooded Yadkin river has destroyed all communication into Wilkes county. At Elkin, a town of 2,000 population, \$200,000 damage was done. In the county the loss is estimated as high as \$3,000,000. Manufacturing plants have been submerged and Southern railway stations all along the line are said to be flooded to a depth of from five to ten feet. Many bridges have been washed away.

Five highway bridges, three in Mecklenburg county, and one near Statesville, and another near Mooresville, have been washed away, while at least six railway bridges were destroyed.

Th Southern railway lost a bridge near Mount Holly, another near Rock Hill, another near Salisbury, and another near Belmont. The Seaboard Air Line bridge just above Belmont is gone, as is the Piedmont & Northern electric line bridge nearby.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Crops badly damaged throughout Piedmont section and several railway bridges, including Southern bridge at Alston, washed away.

Portman—Southern Power company's plant shut down, cutting off power to Greenville and many cotton mills.

Georgetown—Warehouses and stores on water front and two lumber mills damaged. Seaboard Air Line tracks washed out for short distance.

VIRGINIA.

Radford—Several buildings destroyed and crops in nearby counties damaged.

Four Norfolk & Western bridges on Galax branch, one on Little Rock extension, Pepper bridge near Radford and another bridge near Pearisburg washed away. Damage in the Pearisburg district alone estimated at a million dollars.

Washout 250 feet long on Virginia railway near Eggleston.

The small town of Narrows is reported completely submerged.

TENNESSEE.

Newport—Partly inundated and many families forced from their homes.

Butler—Virginia & Southern railway bridge washed away.

Thousands of acres of corn and peanuts inundated between Chattanooga and Paducah, Ky., on Tennessee river, and much crop damage around Dandridge.

The Tennessee river is reported rising and other damage is expected to result from overflows at several points.

All railroads in eastern Tennessee suffered heavily from washed out bridges and culverts.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Crops damaged along Kanawha river and some damage to railways by washouts and bridges carried away.

Scholarship Examinations Held.

In the county court room examinations were held Friday, July 14, for the purpose of awarding scholarships to the most deserving applicants. This year there will be awarded three scholarships to Clemson College, two of these being good for four years while the other is an agricultural scholarship and is good for only one year. As usual, the University of South Carolina offers a four-year normal scholarship, and the College of Charleston offers one that exempts the holder from tuition. Mr. J. P. McMillan, of Clinton, has already been

awarded the one last mentioned. There were twenty applicants for Clemson scholarships, one of which number seeking the normal kind, and six applicants for one to the State university.

Meeting of K. of P.

There will be a call meeting of Laurens Lodge No. 43, Knights of Pythias on next Monday night, July 24th, at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of work and attending to important business. All the members are earnestly requested to be present.

FLOOD IS MOVING

TOWARDS COAST

Warnings Sent Out Predict Over Forty Feet on Wateree at Camden, Lancaster Cut Off. Many Bridges Go Down.

Columbia, July 17.—With unprecedentedly high waters sweeping down from the mountain regions, and with the streams already booming, South Carolina tonight is in the midst of what is feared may prove one of the most destructive floods in its history.

Flood warnings sent out by the weather bureau predicted a stage of 40 to 45 feet on the Wateree at Camden, while the Pee Dee system also is threatening to reach heights all but unknown. The Congaree here has reached its crest and is expected to go no higher.

Damage to property has been heavy but so far as is known there has been no loss of life. Power plants, bridges, railroad construction and low-lying farms have suffered most from the high water.

Reports of damage come from all sections of the state except the Pee Dee, which, after its terrific ordeal of last week, has had a respite of two days before the second phase of its storm experience sets in. Communication is still badly crippled, and accurate estimates of the loss are impossible.

Lancaster Cut Off.

Lancaster is cut off from all communication with the outside world except through the wires of a telegraph company. Trestles washed away on both railways entering Lancaster prevent the arrival of trains and the city has been without mail during the day. The postmaster is seeking authority from the postoffice department to establish an automobile service to Charlotte, N. C., in an effort to restore mail facilities.

Damage to bridges in Union county is reported very heavy and fears are entertained for the safety of Lockhart cotton mill, where the river has broken beyond its banks and established a new channel.

Citizens visiting the banks of the Catawba river report many bales of cotton floating down stream. It is thought possible that these come from Belmont, N. C., where two large mills are situated on the river.

From Chester county tonight came the news of the destruction of three railway bridges over the Catawba river—the Seaboard Air Line trestle between Chester and Waxhaw, N. C., the Southern bridge between Rock Hill and Fort Mill, and the Carolina & Western trestle at Cliffs. The railways also have suffered seriously in damage to their tracks. Cotton mills in the Chester section have suffered considerable losses.

The streams in the northwestern part of the state are receding, but it will be days before railroad communication is thoroughly restored. The Southern's main line trains from Atlanta to Washington are being operated through Columbia and traffic between Columbia and Spartanburg is still tied up.

Pours Out the Flood.

Sheriff Watts the other day invited The Advertiser representative to what might be called a "liquor pouring party", when he emptied several gallons of blind tiger "likker" into the sink of the sheriff's office. The whiskey represented the accumulation from raids made in the city and county for some time, another party having been held several weeks before when a representative of The Herald was present. The Advertiser has no information as to what took place when The Herald man saw all that stuff going to waste, but it is supposed that he resigned himself to the inevitable and allowed it to gurgel out and away without any audible protest. Mr. Watts states that he still has some left on hand and takes in a little bit every now and then, the officers being very alert after law breakers.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our kind friends and neighbors for their kindnesses shown us during the sickness and death of our darling baby John Marian. May God's richest blessings rest on each one of them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis.

DR. F. M. ROUTH SPEAKS

BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

Recommends Adoption of Sanitary Surface Closets as a Measure of Protection against Disease.

The city board of health has been considering for some time steps toward improving the sanitary conditions of the city. To this end the board invited Dr. F. M. Routh, of the state board of health, to appear before a joint meeting of the city board of health and city council Monday. Dr. Routh, who is a recognized authority in these matters, gave an instructive talk when the meeting was held. He urged the importance of having every incorporated town adopt some form of sanitary surface closet where needed. He also urged that rural schools be interested in some satisfactory sanitary disposal plant. This, he stated, is the only method that will eradicate typhoid fever, dysentery, hook-worm and other preventable diseases. He thinks that the most effective method of introducing this work in the county is to have the towns and schools adopt it. The present system of teaching sanitation in the schools and permitting insanitary practices on the grounds is dangerous inconsistency, he said.

While in this county Dr. Routh will give illustrated lectures showing the dangers of soil pollution, fly contamination and other ways whereby disease is disseminated. Dr. Routh requests that trustees write him or consult him about holding such meetings. He will exhibit a model which the State Board of Health has endorsed and which he is trying to get adopted all over the state.

A member of the board of health yesterday had the following to say of Dr. Routh's lectures: "These illustrated lectures are highly entertaining, instructive and practical, not alone from the sanitary viewpoint, but as a question of civic pride. The economic loss from preventable diseases costs Laurens county many thousands of dollars yearly. The prevention of diseases in progressive sections is occupying more thought than the question of curing diseases, since it is a reflection on the intelligence of a community to have troubles the cause of which can be eradicated."

LAURENS COUNTY SUFFERED DAMAGE FROM THE STORM

Crops Injured, Bridges in Some Localities Damaged or Washed Away.

The heavy rains, accompanied by high winds, wrought considerable damage in this county during the past week, the growing crops suffering the greatest injury. Forward corn was broken down by the gale and on low lands the crop was badly damaged from high water, some of the streams reaching high water mark. The cotton crop was also injured by the hard rains which washed the fields fearfully in many sections.

The damage to the bridges and roads in many localities is serious, though repairs are being made as fast as possible. The bridge at McDaniel Mill over Rabun creek was partially swept away Sunday night. At Enoree the approaches to the bridge on the Laurens side were washed away, and it is reported that a number of small bridges in the county suffered more or less damage from the freshet. However, the traveling public has not been seriously inconvenienced and in a few days all the necessary repairs will have been made.

Mrs. Tom Roger Dead.

Mrs. Bettle Cunningham Roger died at her home near Rocky Springs Sunday. Her death was due to a lingering illness from which she suffered very much. The burial services took place Monday morning at half past eleven o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Brock of Watts Mill conducting them. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Cunningham and was forty-one years old. She is survived by her husband, five brothers: John, Sam, Robert, George and William; one sister, Mrs. Minnie Green, of Atlanta, and no children.

Children's Day at Ora.

Children's Day exercises will be held at the A. R. P. church at Ora, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. These exercises were postponed from last Sunday on account of the rain.

CROSS HILL CHAUTAUQUA

Venture Proved a Great Success in Every Respect.

Cross Hill, July 17.—The chautauqua has come and gone. With the exception of rain on the last day everything was favorable and successful. Our people were well pleased with everything. Dr. Daniel's two lectures on Wednesday were fine. Thursday morning the addresses on education by Dr. J. C. Roper and J. J. McSwain were eloquent and full of elevating thoughts.

Friday Dr. F. S. Fincher, the platform manager, delivered two splendid lectures and Drs. Riser and Routh of the State board of health spoke on sanitation. All these addresses were entertaining and instructive and most of them were real literary treats. Besides these eight lectures the Columbia Concert company with song, music and readings; Durmo, the magician, with his mystery and fun; Lockhart, with his spley readings and impersonations, and last but by no means least, the Alpine Yodlers, with song, yodling and fun, kept up the interest and amusement throughout. So well pleased were the people of Cross Hill that they readily signed up with the club for another year with more than forty names on the list. It is hoped that the information and inspiration brought by the chautauqua will bear fruit among our people by a greater interest and life in all business and social interests.

At 11 o'clock Wednesday morning Mrs. Maggie Workman, wife of Mr. Arthur Workman, who had been in ill health for several months, died at the age of 45 years. Before marriage Mrs. Workman was Miss Maggie Atchison. She leaves a husband and four children besides a number of other relatives. The funeral and burial rites were held at Liberty Springs Thursday at noon, conducted by Rev. W. D. Ratchford and Rev. W. P. Turner. Mrs. Workman was a loving companion, a patient and tender mother, and a consistent Christian lady. She was a member of Cross Hill Baptist church and when her health permitted loved the service of her church. The faith that inspired her life and quickened her hope was a safe refuge and guide across the river of death.

A series of revival meetings is in progress this week at the Presbyterian church in which the pastor, Rev. W. D. Ratchford has the assistance of Dr. Green of Greenwood, who is doing the preaching.

Quite a number of visitors from various points were in town last week for the chautauqua.

MR. JOHN CUNNINGHAM.

Prominently Known Laurens County Citizen Dies at Waterloo.

Mr. John Cunningham whose rather sudden death occurred at his home at Waterloo, was well known and one of the county's highly esteemed citizens. The funeral and burial services were held on Monday, following his death Sunday morning, the interment taking place in the Rosemont Cemetery.

Mr. Cunningham was 64 years of age and was a son of the late Col. John Cunningham and Mrs. Florida Calhoun Noble Cunningham and was reared at the historic Rosemont Manor, near Saluda River a few miles from Waterloo. He was well educated and always took a lively interest in public matters. He was extensively interested in farming, though his health for the past year prevented the close attention hitherto given his farm operations. Recently he decided to spend the summer at some health resort and was making plans to this end when the final summons came.

Mr. Cunningham is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William Reid of San Francisco, Cal., and Mrs. William M. Burney of Columbia; two sisters, Miss Florida Cunningham of Columbia and Miss Elizabeth Pickens Cunningham, now a patient at the Julia Irby Sanitarium, and one brother, Mr. Clarence Cunningham of "Craigends", this county.

To Clear Off Cemetery.

Thursday, July 27 has been set as the day to meet at Mt. Pleasant to clean off the cemetery and all who are interested are earnestly urged to come early, bring dinner and tools to work with and let's do a good job.

CLOVER CAMPAIGN TO COVER COUNTY

Request for More Seed
Coming in Daily

PANKERS INDORSE PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Adopt Resolutions Commending Efforts of Farm Demonstrator P. W. Moore Along Lines of Better and Safer Farming in Laurens County.

County Demonstration Agent P. W. Moore informs The Advertiser that the campaign for more clover, like a snowball, is getting bigger as it goes further, more requests for seed are coming in daily and farmers seem more determined than ever before to grow some of their fertilizer this fall and winter for use on next summer's crop.

The following have signified their desire to become members of the clover club since the last report by Mr. Moore:

Total number of pounds brought forward.....3,650
S. J. Davis.....100
R. G. Smith.....30
W. Booth Knight.....100
T. J. Poole.....200
T. M. Shaw.....200
J. H. Powers.....100
C. L. Waldrop.....50
C. R. Burdette.....100
Dr. W. H. Dial.....200
Albert Dial.....100
J. D. Culbertson.....100
R. L. Young.....20
S. R. Dorroh.....60
B. R. Redden.....35
R. T. Dunlap.....100
Mr. Moore is getting the co-operation of a few farmers over the county this summer in the matter of raising grazing crops, fenced for pasture, to show that hogs and cattle can be grown more economically. Mr. Moore states that he is positive that in this way and only this, can the majority of local farmers prepare themselves for "our friend, the enemy" Mr. Boll Weevil.

At a meeting of the presidents of the five banks of Laurens Monday morning the following resolutions were passed endorsing Mr. Moore's effort along this line and assuring him of their willingness to help in carrying out these ideas under his direction:

We, the undersigned bankers of Laurens, First, Because we realize the importance of our farmers adopting and continuing methods of farming that will leave their lands richer each year instead of poorer, and

Second, Because we are assured of the near approach of the boll weevil and that his arrival will, as it has done in the west, cause almost a complete breakdown of our present methods of farming and call for a readjustment of same; and

Third, Believing as we do that the campaign for "legumes and livestock" as recommended by our agricultural demonstration department and carried out by our local agent, Mr. P. W. Moore, is safe, practical and sane; We therefore wish to assure the department and him of our willingness to co-operate in the work, and to assure our farmer friends and customers that we will in every way possible, do all in our power to help them in carrying out suggestions under his directions.

(Signed)
THE LAURENS NAT'L BANK,
By H. K. Allen, V. Pres.
THE PEOPLES LOAN & EXCH. BANK,
By C. W. Tune, Cashier.
FARMERS NAT'L BANK,
By M. J. Owings, Pres.
ENTERPRISE NAT'L BANK,
By N. B. Dial, Pres.
PALMETTO BANK,
By J. J. Pluss, Pres.
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Miss Susie Langston at Hospital.
Miss Susie Langston, of Maddens and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Langston, was carried to the City Hospital Sunday afternoon and operated upon Monday afternoon. The operation was made necessary on account of a severe attack of appendicitis. It was reported yesterday that the operation was successful and that Miss Langston is doing as well as could be expected.